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TO : BANGKOK, CANBERRA, DJAKARTA, KUALA LUMPUR, MANILA,
PHNOM PENH, RANGOON, SAIGON, SEOUL, TAIPEI, TOKYO,
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FROM : Department of State (FE/EX)

SUBJECT : Establishment of Radio Transmitters in Foreign Embassies
in Washington.REF : CA-6180 dated December 6, 1962.
August 14, 1963)

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As addressee posts are aware, the Department operates radio transmitters at all addressee posts except Canberra. Two countries in the FE area, namely, Burma and Thailand have requested reciprocal radio privileges in Washington. It is anticipated that other posts in the FE area may also request reciprocal radio privileges at some time in the future. To prepare for this eventuality, and in order to establish a priority list of countries which might be granted reciprocal privileges, addressee posts are requested to furnish the following information:

1. Has the host government indicated an interest in installing a radio transmitter in Washington?
2. Is the host government likely to request radio privileges in the near future?
3. In the Embassy's opinion, would the host government actually install a transmitter in Washington if rights were granted?

For the posts' background information, there is enclosed a set of guidelines and procedures which the Department has developed.

Unfortunately, because of technical and other difficulties, not the least of which is the severe shortage of frequencies in the Washington area, it may not be feasible to grant radio privileges to all addressee posts: hence the necessity for establishment of a priority list of countries.

FYI. Thus far, a total of 28 determinations have been made on a world-wide basis. Among these 28, is Thailand. Burma's request for reciprocal

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privileges is still pending. No foreign embassy radio transmitters are operating in Washington under this program.

In light of the difficulties mentioned above, it should be remembered that reciprocal radio privileges cannot be offered prior to the obtaining of a determination under Section 305 of Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The subject of reciprocity should not be broached with the host government unless specifically authorized by the Department. Replies are requested by airgram not later than March 30.

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Enclosure:

Memorandum from Mr. Crockett dated September 6, 1963.

Subject: Radio Transmitting Rights Agreements with Foreign Countries.

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